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CANADIAN ADMITS LAUNDERING PROCEEDS OF PROSTITUTION RING

(Sherman, TX) A 46-year-old Canadian citizen has pleaded guilty to money laundering the proceeds of a prostitution ring in the Eastern District of Texas. **CONRAD HENDRICKSON** was extradited back to the United States in August 2004 to face the charges.

According to court records, Hendrickson operated an illegal enterprise from 1985 through January 2002, in which women worked for him as prostitutes. In exchange for Hendrickson's management, the women relinquished the money earned from their prostitution activities to Hendrickson. Hendrickson used wire transfers to deposit the money into various bank accounts for his use. Hendrickson then used the money to purchase luxury vehicles and homes in Texas and Florida and to promote and recruit prostitutes for his business.

A federal grand jury indicted Hendrickson in August 2004. Hendrickson, who was illegally in the United States, left the country and returned to Canada in July 2002.

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Judge Brown set a sentencing hearing for March 11, 2005. Hendrickson faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$1 million.

Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, praised the work of the investigators on this case, "The Defendant attempted to allude authorities and skate responsibility for his crimes. The investigators are to be commended for their diligence in finding this man and bringing him back to East Texas."

The case is being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service and the Frisco Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Stover is prosecuting the case.

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